State-wise fatalities in Road Accidents on National Highways in Hill States of India from 1998 to 2001.

Hill States/UTs.	1998	1999	2000	2001
Arunachal Pradesh	28	13	11	N.A.
Assam	787	848	808	824
Himachal Pradesh	292	209	159	277
Jammu & Kashmir	423	360	320	N.A.
Manipur	40	73	56	45
Meghalaya	87	78	66	63
Mizoram	39	16	33	N.A.
Nagaland	10	13	33	N.A.
Sikkim	10	10	8	N.A.
Tripura	46	86	41	74
Uttaranchal	*	*	142	321
TOTAL	1762	1706	1677	1604(P)

N.A. Not Available, P=Provisional

*=State of Uttaranchal came into being in the year. 2000.

New Highway in Tamil Nadu

1751. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new highways projects pending in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any new projects are in the pipe line;

(c) the present length of National Highways in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the expenditure involved in construction of the proposed highways in the State; and

(e) the annual cost of maintenance of the highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (d) The present length of National Highways in Tamil Nadu is 3,850 km. Under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), four-laning

of 1193 kms is planned, out of which 342 km on Golden Quadrilateral at a cost of Rs.1400 crore is targeted to be substantially completed by December 2003 and 851 km along North-South Corridor at a cost of Rs. 3800 crore is targeted to be completed by December 2007. Also, under the Port Connectivity Programme, four-laning of about 57 km of National Highways at a cost of Rs. 315 crore is planned and is targeted to be completed by 2005. Apart from this, under the Improvement of Riding Quality Programme, 1410 km at a cost of approximately Rs. 235 crore, have been carried out since 1999. The balance length of NHs will be covered during this year at a cost of Rs.110 crores

(e) Annual cost of maintenance of National Highways as per norms varies from Rs. 4 to 6 lakhs per two-lane carriageway per km. However, only about 40% of the required amount for maintenance is made available to the States annually due to constraint of resources.

Construction and Maintenance of National Highways

1752. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways under maintenance and under construction, presently;

(b) the allocation of fund for maintenance and construction programme during the current financial year; and

(c) the agencies through which the works are being carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) There are 176 No. of National Highways, aggregating to a total length of 58112 km. in the country.

(b) Provisions of Rs. 5760.5 crore for development and of Rs. 801 crore for maintenance cf National Highways have been made during 2002-03.

(c) The works on National Highways are being carried out through the following agencies:—

(i) State Governments

(ii) Border Roads Organisation

(iii) National Highway Authority of India.